

H. Res. 530

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 1, 2002.

Whereas on September 4, 2002, the Oakland Athletics set the Major League Baseball record for the longest winning streak by an American League baseball team by winning 20 consecutive games;

Whereas before September 4, 2002, the record for the longest winning streak by an American League baseball team had stood for 55 years;

Whereas the only other 2 American League baseball teams to win 19 consecutive games were the 1947 New York Yankees and the 1906 Chicago White Sox;

Whereas only 2 Major League Baseball teams have won 20 or more consecutive games—this year’s Oakland Athletics with 20 consecutive wins and the 1935 Chicago Cubs with 21 consecutive wins;

Whereas the team also set a record for the Oakland Athletics by winning 24 games during the month of August;

Whereas during their winning streak the Oakland Athletics outscored their opponents 141 to 65 and trailed their opponents during only 10 innings of the 180 innings of the streak;

Whereas the starting pitchers of the Oakland Athletics—Barry Zito, Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder, and Cory

Lidle—pitched into the seventh inning in all but 6 of the games won as part of the streak and were credited with 15 of the 20 consecutive wins;

Whereas shortstop Miguel Tejada and first baseman Scott Hatteberg each hit walk-off hits or home runs during the streak;

Whereas the Oakland Athletics were 4½ games out of first place in the Western Division of the American League and 2½ games out of the lead for the American League wild card at the beginning of the streak, and ended the streak with a 2 game lead in the division;

Whereas the Oakland Athletics accomplished this feat with the help of wise decisions by Manager Art Howe and General Manager Billy Beane; and

Whereas the Oakland Athletics had to sweep some formidable opponents in order to achieve this record, including the leader of the Central Division of the American League, the Minnesota Twins: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the players, management, staff, and fans of the Oakland Athletics organization for setting the Major League Baseball record for the longest winning streak by an American League baseball team.

Attest:

Clerk.